(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The research efforts by I.C.A.R. and its institute on Biofertiliser have covered symbiotic and non-symbiotic nitrogen fixing micro-organisms, Blue green manure plants. These efforts have identified efficient strains of these organisms for use on rice, pulses, leguminous oilseeds and green manure plants.

The Department of Agriculture has established under the National Project on Development and Use of Biofertiliser, 40 centres for production of Blue Green Algae. They have produced 350 tonnes of Blue Green Algae during the period 1984-85 to 1986-87. In terms of savings in chemical fertilisers, this will be equivalent to 1050 tonnes of nitrogen nutrient. This does not include the *R hizobium* bacterial cultures for eguminous crops, being produced and distributed by the various agricultural universities and numberious private agencies, for which the information on total quantity is not available.

Janvani programme on Doordarshan

*18. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start 'Janvani' programme again on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Almost all the Central Ministries have already been covered in the programme 'Janvani'.

Supply of edible oils by US

*19. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US had recently offered to supply edible oils worth $ 50 million to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) At present the contracts entered into by the State Trading Corporation of India for imports of edible oils permit the sellers to supply oils from various countries including USA at their option. The Government of USA has indicated its willingness to notify India in its Exports Enhancement Programme (EEP) which would enable India to purchase upto the 300,000 MTS of edible oils from USA. The Export Enhancement Programme is available to subsidise exports of notified US Agricultural Products so as to bring their prices down to competitive world price levels.

Report of the High Powered Review Committee of ICAR

*20. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High-Powered Review Committee of the Indian Council for Agriculture Research had recently submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINIS-